

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-23. (canceled)

24. (new) An apparatus for connecting an implement to a prime mover, the apparatus comprising:

    a connector that is mountable on the prime mover, and has at least one recess for receiving a connecting pin mounted on the implement; and

    retaining means provided to, in use, hold the implement on the connector,

    the connector being adapted for use with a retaining pin having a head portion and a substantially cylindrical tail portion, and

    the connector having a cylindrical passage adjacent to the at least one recess, the passage being sized to receive the tail portion of the retaining pin only, and the passage being located such that when the retaining pin is received with its head portion adjacent the connecting pin, the head portion of the retaining pin prevents the connecting pin from exiting the at least one recess.

25. (new) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the connector is configured for use with a retaining pin having a head portion that is partially cutaway or offset from the centerline of the tail portion of the pin, and the passage is located such that when a connecting pin of the implement is within the at least one recess the retaining pin can only be installed into the passage from the recess end of the passage when the cutaway part of the head of the retaining pin faces the connecting pin.

26. (new) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the connector is configured for use with a retaining pin having a head portion that is configured such that when the retaining pin is rotated within the passage the clearance between the head of the retaining pin and the connecting pin can be reduced.

27. (new) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the connector is configured for use with a retaining pin having a head portion that is configured such that when the retaining pin is rotated within the passage the clearance between the head of the retaining pin and the connecting pin can be reduced.

28. (new) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the connector has a first and a second recess, each recess being configured to receive a connecting pin mounted on the implement,

the retaining means being adapted to secure a first connecting pin of the implement within the first recess of the connector, and the second recess being adapted for use with the retaining pin.

29. (new) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the connector has a first and a second recess, each recess being configured to receive a connecting pin mounted on the implement, the retaining means being adapted to secure a first connecting pin of the implement within the first recess of the connector, and the second recess being adapted for use with the retaining pin.

30. (new) An apparatus for connecting an implement to a prime mover, the apparatus comprising:

a connector that is mountable on the prime mover, and has at least one recess for receiving a connecting pin mounted on the implement;

retaining means provided to, in use, hold the implement on the connector; and

a retaining pin that is configured to slide between an extended and a retracted position, the retaining pin being biased toward the extended position, the retaining pin being positioned and aligned such that as a connecting pin of the implement enters the at least one recess the retaining pin is pushed by the

connecting pin toward the retracted position, and when the connecting pin is fully home within the recess the retaining pin can move to the extended position, and once the connecting pin is fully home within the recess the connecting pin is no longer able to push the retaining pin toward the retracted position.

31. (new) The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the retaining pin can be moved to the retracted position by a ram.

32. (new) The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the connector has a first recess and a second recess, each recess being configured to receive a connecting pin mounted on the implement, the retaining means being adapted to secure a first connecting pin of the implement within the first recess of the connector, and the retaining pin being adapted to secure a second connecting pin of the implement within the second recess of the connector.